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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR US/EC CONSULATATIONS OF NOVEMBER 18-19

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1. SUMMART: THE EC COMMISSION HAS NOW GIVEN US ITS PROPOSED REVISION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA CONTAINED IN REFTEL. THE REVISION COMPRESSES THE CONSULTATIONS INTO THE PERIOD RUNNING FROM THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 18 THROUGH THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 19. HOWEVER, ALL OF THE SUBJECTS CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL US PROPOSAL ARE INCLUDED.
END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCT. 28 FIELDING GAVE US THE FOLLOWING "REVISED DRAFT AGENDA" FOR THE US/EC CONSULTATIONS OF NOVEMBER 18-19. (THIS EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL HAS BEEN CLEARED BY SOAMES):
BEGIN TEXT:

EC CONSULTATIONS, 18-19 NOBEMBER 1975

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

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TUESDAY, 18 NOV.

1245-1300 SOAMES- ROBINSON MEETING
1300-1445 ROBINSON LUNCH AT STATE DEPARTMENT
1500-1700 PLENARY I
--GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION
-- NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS
(I) UN SPECIAL SESSION
(II) PARIS ECONOMIC COOPERATION CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOV.

1000-1245 WORKING GROUPS: (A TRADE ISSUES (MTN AND BILATERAL)
(B) DOMESTIC ENERGY POLICIES
(C) GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION
1245-1400 (LUNCH FREE)
1400-1600 PLENARY II
-- REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS
--GENERAL DISCUSSION OF TRADE ISSUES
1630 PRESS CONFERENCE
SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR SIR C. SOAMES WEDNESDAY, 19 NOV.
0900-1000 MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
1030-1200 RESTRICTED MEETING AT STATE DEPARTMENT ON
POLITICAL ASPECTS OF RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES.
1300 LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
END TEXT.

3. FIELDING MADE THE FOLLOWING FURTHER POINTS ORALLY:

(A) IT WILL BE NOTED THAT A WORKING GROUP HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE ISSUE OF NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS. THIS IS BECAUSE WELLENSTEIN, THE KEY COMMISSION OFFICIAL IN ANY SUCH DISCUSSION, WILL BE ACCOMPANYING SOAMES IN HIM MEETING ON WEDNESDAY MORNIG WITH THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AND AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT,AND WILL NOT THEREFORE BE FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORKING GROUP. HOWEVER, FIELDING POINTED OUT THAT NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS IS, IN THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL, PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING WHEN IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A THOROUGH DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE COMMISSION EXPECTS THE DISCUSSION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION TO BE FAIRLY SHORT AND HIGHLY POLITICAL--CONDUCTED BY PRINCIPALS, "NOT BY EXPERTS".

B) ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COMMISSION HAS TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED A WORKING GROUP ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT EC VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE CONSULTATIONS.

AN ATTEMPT IS NOW BEING MADE TO LINE UP A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (E.G., MOSCA OR NASH) TO LEAD THE EC SIDE IN A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION. FIELDING EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ATTENDANCE OF SUCH AN OFFICIAL HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED.

C) THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE IDEA OF A RESTRICTED MEETING, SEPARATE FROM THE MAIN STREAM OF THE CONSULTATIONS, ON POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. FIELDING SAID THAT THE COMMISSION HAS NOT YET DECIDED EXACTLY WHAT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS REVIEW, BUT SOAMES PERSONALLY THINKS THAT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL SHOULD FIGURE HIGH ON THE LIST. RELATIONS WITH CHINA, THE ARAB STATES, AND IRAN ALSO SEEM TO BE OBVIOUS CANDIDATES FOR INCLUSION. FIELDING SAYS THAT SOAMES PERSONALLY MIGHT LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT RELATIONS WITH CANADA AND LATIN AMERICA. HOWEVER, FIELDING STILL HAS TO CHECK THIS MATTER OUT WITH WELLENSTEIN, AND HE ASSUMES FURTHER THAT THE US SIDE MIGHT HAVE SOME PREFERENCES OF ITS OWN.

4. THE COMMISSION DELEGATION IS LIKELY TO INCLUDE SOAMES, WELLENSTEIN, SPAAK, RABOT, PHAN VAN PHI, FIELDING, FORTESCUE, PROBABLY MOSCA OR NASH, AND POSSIBLY LUYTEN. HIJZEN AS OF THE MOMENT SEEMS UNLIKELY TO ATTEND SINCE BUSINESS IN THE COMMISSION MAKES IT UNWISE FOR HIM AND WELLENSTEIN TO BE ABSENT AT THE SAME MOMENT. THE COMMISSION SIDE IN THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADE ISSUES WOULD THEREFORE CONSIST OF RABOT, PHAN VAN PHI, AND FIELDING, WITH LUYTEN TO BE ADDED IF IT APPEARS THAT SOMEONE WITH CLOSER CON-
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TACT WITH GENEVA ISSUES IS REQUIRED.

5. THE MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REACTIONS TO THE EC COMMISSION PROPOSALS. GREENWALD

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